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Response

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In re application of: Arthur W. Wetzel et al.
Serial No.: 09/919,452
Filed: July 31, 2001
For: A System For Creating Microscopic Digital Montage Images

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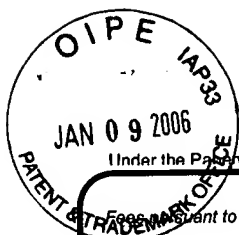
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Examiner Name	S. Azarian
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	1	x 25.00	= 25.00

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP =		x	=

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2005 (the "Office Action") and to place the above captioned application (the "Subject Application") in better condition for allowance, please amend the application as follows:

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